



BIOGRAPHY

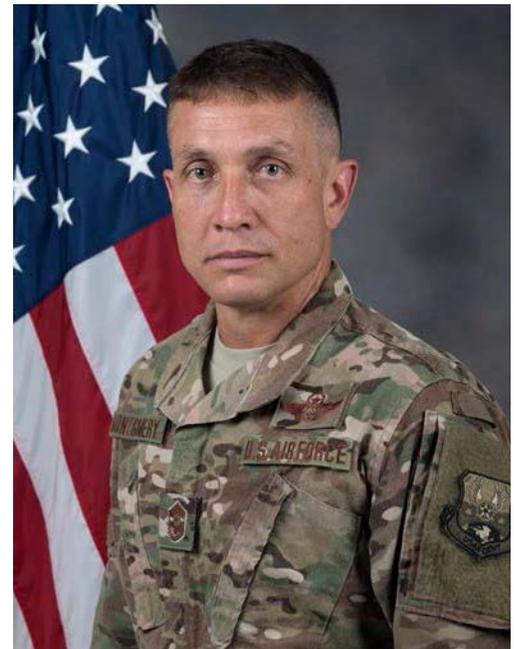


UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPH A. MONTGOMERY

Chief Master Sergeant Joseph A. Montgomery is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for United States Air Forces Central Command, Southwest Asia. He advises the commander and staff on matters influencing the health, welfare, morale, and effective utilization of assigned enlisted personnel. As the Air Component of United States Central Command, USAFCENT's mission is to develop contingency plans and conduct air operations Wings in a 20-nation area of responsibility.

Chief Montgomery entered the Air Force in April 1989. His background includes positions as both in-shop and flight line maintenance in the Turbo-Propulsion career field; Instructor and Evaluator Flight Engineer qualifications on the C-130E/H, MC-130E, and special mission aircraft; and as a Loadmaster on the MC-130H. He is a Chief Enlisted Aircrew Member with more than 4,800 flying hours and 760 combat hours. His assignments include bases in Mississippi, Florida, Alaska, North Carolina, Japan and the United Kingdom. He has taken part in numerous humanitarian and combat operations and has extensive experience in Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn. Before assuming his current position, he served as Command Chief, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He assumed his current duties on June 23, 2016.



EDUCATION

- 1993 Airman Leadership School, Patrick AFB, Fla.
- 1999 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
- 2001 Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, Magna cum Laude, Embry-Riddle University
- 2003 Associates of Applied Science in Aviation Ops, Community College of the Air Force
- 2004 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2006 SOF Senior Enlisted Course, Joint Special Operations University
- 2007 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (correspondence)
- 2010 Chief's Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- 2011 USAF Enterprise Management Seminar, Darden School of Business, University of VA
- 2013 Master of Science in Acquisition and Contract Management, University of West Florida
- 2014 China and East Asia Seminar, Alan Freed Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Summit Course, Joint Special Operations University
- 2015 Keystone Course, National Defense University

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Oct 1989 – Aug 1991, Turbo-Propulsion Specialist, 3389th Field Maintenance Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.
2. Aug 1991 - May 1993, Turbo-Propulsion Specialist, 741st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla.
3. May 1993 – Jun 1994, Turbo-Propulsion Specialist, 71st RS, Patrick AFB, Fla.
4. Jun 1994 – May 1996, C-130E Flight Engineer, 61st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. May 1996 – Feb 1998, C-130E/H Flight Engineer Scheduler, 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan
6. Feb 1998 – Mar 2001, C-130H Evaluator Flight Engineer, 517th Airlift Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Ala.
7. Mar 2001 – Feb 2002, C-130H Flight Engineer Evaluator, 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Ala.
8. Feb 2002 – Aug 2005, Operations Superintendent, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Duke Field, Fla.
9. Aug 2005 – Aug 2008, Superintendent, Group Standardization and Evaluation, Fort Bragg, N.C.
10. Aug 2008 – Jul 2009, Special Activities Flt Engineer Functional Manager, HQ AFSOC, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
11. Jul 2009 – Mar 2011, Superintendent, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
12. Mar 2011 – Sep 2012, Superintendent, 1st Special Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
13. Sep 2012 – Sep 2013, Superintendent, 352nd Special Operations Support Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.
14. Sep 2013 – Jan 2015, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadena AB, Japan
15. Jan 2015 – Jun 2016, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
16. Jun 2016 – Present, Command Chief, United States Air Forces Central Command, Southwest Asia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Force Combat Action Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1989 Distinguished Graduate, Turbo-Propulsion Tech Training
- 1994 Distinguished Graduate, Flight Engineer Performance School
- 1994 Distinguished Graduate, C-130 Flight Engineer Initial Qualification
- 1997 Distinguished Graduate, C-130 Flight Engineer Instructor Qualification
- 1999 Distinguished Graduate/Academic Achievement Award, Noncommissioned Officer Academy
- 2003 8th Special Operations Squadron Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
- 2004 16th Operations Group Lance P. Sijan Award
- 2004 16th Operations Group Additional Duty First Sergeant of the Year
- 2004 AFSOC Chief Master Sgt. Fred Archer Award
- 2004 Distinguished Graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy
- 2008 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Fort Bragg, N.C.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant, Aug. 1, 2009

(Current as of June 2017)